

9. (Twice Amended) A kit for the detection of a polynucleotide, comprising a compartment containing a probe that hybridizes, under stringent hybridization wash conditions of at least 65°C, less than about 150 mM salt, to:

a) at least 120 contiguous nucleotides of the open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 1; or

b) at least 17 contiguous nucleotides of the open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 3;

to form a duplex, wherein detection of said duplex indicates the presence of said polynucleotide.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein said probe hybridizes to at least 120 contiguous nucleotides of said open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 1.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein said probe hybridizes to at least 140, 175, 200, or 300 contiguous nucleotides of said open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 1.

23. (Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein said probe hybridizes to at least 17 contiguous nucleotides of said open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 3.

24. (Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein said probe hybridizes to at least 25, 35, 55, or 60 contiguous nucleotides of said open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 3.

25. (Amended) The kit of claim 9 wherein said probe hybridizes to at least 120 contiguous nucleotides of said open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 1.

26. (Amended) The kit of claim 25 wherein said probe hybridizes to at least 140, 175, 200, or 300 contiguous nucleotides of said open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 1.

27. (Amended) The kit of claim 9 wherein said probe hybridizes to at least 17 contiguous nucleotides of said open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 3.

28. (Amended) The kit of claim 27 wherein said probe hybridizes to at least 25, 45, 55, or 60 contiguous nucleotides of said open reading frame of SEQ ID NO: 3.